

Floor Statement of Rep. Lois Capps
Safe Climate Caucus
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Madam Speaker, earlier today the Energy and Commerce Committee passed, for the third time in two years, a bill to force approval of the Keystone XL pipeline.

I voted against the bill for many reasons.

But chief among them is the fact that it doubles down on a dead-end, oil-based energy policy that is hurting our economy, hurting our environment, and our health.

Burning fossil fuels is a primary cause of climate change, and we simply can't afford to continue down this destructive path.

It makes far more sense to focus on developing the clean, renewable energy technologies that we all know we're going to need down the road.

Developing these technologies will create quality, long-term jobs that can't be shipped overseas.

It's good for business, it's good for our planet, it's good for our national security.

There's no reason why we can't put aside our differences and take action to promote a clean energy future.

It's what our constituents sent us here to do.

Our window of opportunity is rapidly closing. The time to act is now.